# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

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Free SIM Card to Foreign Tourists
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to distribute free SIM Card to the foreign tourists at the airport and a welcome kit containing pre-activated SIM Card along with all the information is likely to be provided to the foreign tourists coming to India under e-visa scheme; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism has launched the initiative for providing pre-loaded SIM Card to foreign tourists arriving in India on e-Visa w.e.f. 15th February, 2017. This initiative has been launched in association with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd., (BSNL), wherein BSNL would distribute pre-loaded SIM Cards to foreign tourists arriving in India on e-Visa.

(b): This facility is currently available at Indira Gandhi International Airport (T3 Terminal), New Delhi and Kochi International Airport and only for tourists arriving in India on e-Visa. SIM cards are pre-loaded with a value of Rs.50 talk time and 50 MB data and will be activated on immediate basis so as to enable them use this facility instantly.

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